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Title of Application	Trocar Sleeve For Endoscopic Applications
Group Art Unit 3731	Examiner W. Lewis

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 6, 1999, Applicant herewith presents its amendment.

In the Figures

Applicant has added the legend "Prior Art" to FIG. 2 as required by the Examiner. A copy of FIG. 2 showing the change in red is enclosed.

In the Specification

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the following:

This application is a continuation of PCT/DE 97/01552 filed July 22, 1997 under the International Convention and based on a German Application DE19629537.8-35 filed July 22, 1996.

Page 1, line 5, please change "accordance with the introductory clause of Patent Claim 1" to read --surgical and diagnostic procedures involving use of an endoscope, scissors and the like--.

Mailing Certificate: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks: Washington, DC 20231.

January 27, 1999

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